IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph in the "Technical Field" section on page 1 with the following paragraph:

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present patent application relates to a method for manufacturing a bent curve element for an endless chain conveying track which comprises a support flange intended to support a first side of chain elements forming part of the chain conveying track, and a web from which the said flange extends, where said web is intended to provide torsional rigidity in the curve element. The present patent application also relates to a blank for manufacturing a bent curve element ~~according to the precharacterizing portion of Patent Claim 7~~ for an endless chain conveying track which comprises a support flange intended to constitute a guide rail for a first side of chain elements forming part of the chain conveying track, and a web from which the said flange extends, where the said web is intended to provide torsional rigidity in the curve element. The present patent application also relates to a bent curve element for an endless chain conveying track in which curve element is made from a blank consisting of a plane metal sheet, which has a first end piece which is intended to be shaped intoa flange and a central piece which is intended to constitute a web, where said first end piece has a set of slots which run from an edge present on the end piece to the said central piece. The present patent application also relates to a curve unit having a first curve element having a first support surface intended to constitute a guide rail for a first side of chain elements forming part of a chain conveying track, a second curve element having a second support surface intended to constitute a guide rail for a second side of chain elements forming part of the chain conveying track, and a bracket which supports the said

first and second support surfaces in a parallel manner to form a curved track,

~~according to the precharacterizing portion of Patent Claim 19, a curve unit according to the precharacterizing portion of Patent Claim 20 and also a conveying track comprising such a bend unit.~~

Please replace the text starting at the second paragraph on page 4 (starting at line 6 on page 4) through end of the first paragraph on page 5 (ending at line 4 on page 5) with the following paragraphs:

~~This~~ An object ~~is achieved by~~of the present invention is to provide a method for manufacturing a metal curve element ~~according to Claim 1~~that reduces scrap. By providing a plane metal sheet, which has a first end piece which is intended to be shaped into a support flange and a central piece which is intended to constitute a supporting web, with a set of slots which run from an edge present on the end piece to the said central piece, bending of the sheet around a main axis extending vertically in relation to the said flange is made possible without the flange taking up pressure or tensile stress, which would be the case if the flange were solid. The flange will therefore retain its plane extent in a plane which is arranged essentially at right angles in relation to the said main axis. The curve element is therefore flexible, for which reason bending of the element can take place in connection with mounting without finishing in the form of polishing or welding having to be carried out.

A second object of the invention is to provide a blank for a curve element which is suitable for use in the said method. ~~This object is achieved by a blank according to Patent Claim 7.~~

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A third object of the invention is to provide a curve element which is formed from such a blank. ~~This object is achieved by a curve element according to Claim 19.~~

A fourth object of the invention is to provide a curve unit which includes a curve element according to the invention. ~~This object is achieved by a bend unit according to Claim 20.~~

A fifth object of the invention is to provide a conveying track which includes a bend unit according to the invention. ~~This object is achieved by a conveying track according to Claim 24.~~